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Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: "AUTOMATED EPIFLUORESCENCE MICROSCOPY FOR DETECTION OF BACTERIAL CONTAMINATION IN PLATELETS", the specification of which:

(check one) [X] is attached hereto, was filed on 7/30/2001 as
Application Serial No. 7/912,272
and was amended on _____.

I hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications		Priority Claimed	Yes	No
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